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MEMORANDUM TO: 

SUBJECT: Material in C.P.A. Library

1. We have estimated a rough 150 feet of books in the C.P.A. Library which would be of value in a central library for C.I.G. Most of the material of interest to us is in the D, E, J, HB, HC and HD sections. There are a number of excellent economic studies in the HB and HC sections, many of which we are continually called upon to borrow from the Library of Congress. The inconvenience of the time required in procuring these books from the Library of Congress could be eliminated if we had such material in our own library. (Ex.: America's Strategy in World Politics, Spykman; Minerals in World Affairs, Lovering; Raw Materials in Peace and War, Staley.)
2. The Reference Section is small, and almost everything in it would be of use to us. We are particularly in need of foreign dictionaries and C.P.A. has a goodly number of these. Their Technical Dictionary in Seven Languages (English, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, German) would be invaluable for translation of foreign documents. There is also an Encyclopaedia Britannica - which we desperately need.
3. This is, of necessity, a very rough estimate inasmuch as we were considerably hampered in our inspection by the fact that personnel in the C.P.A. Library apparently have no idea that this library stands a chance of being abolished. Therefore we were forced to make our inspection on the pretense of using it for future loan purposes and establishing a liaison for C.I.G. personnel who would like to work in their Reference Room.

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